#### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

### STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 21, 1998

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY CASE NO. PUE980727

To revise its fuel factor pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-249.6

# ORDER ESTABLISHING 1998-99 FUEL FACTOR PROCEEDING

On October 19, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") filed with the Commission an application, exhibits, and a proposed tariff intended to increase its current fuel factor from 1.050¢ per kWh to 1.152¢ per kWh, effective December 1, 1998. The proposed fuel factor would result in an increase in annual fuel revenues of approximately \$55.8 million. Accordingly,

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE980727.
- (2) A hearing is hereby scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 1998, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom for the purpose of receiving evidence related to the establishment of Virginia Power's fuel factor to be effective December 1, 1998, pursuant to § 56-249.6 of the Code of Virginia.

- (3) Virginia Power shall forthwith make copies of its application and prefiled testimony and exhibits available for public inspection during regular business hours at all company offices in Virginia where customer bills may be paid.
- (4) On or before November 10, 1998, any person desiring to participate as a Protestant, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("S.C.C. Rules"), shall file with the Clerk, Document Control Center, P.O.

  Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest as provided in S.C.C. Rule 5:16(a) and serve a copy on counsel for the Company as follows:

  Karen L. Bell, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power Company, One James River Plaza, P.O. Box 26666, Richmond, Virginia 23261.
- (5) On or before November 16, 1998, each Protestant shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Protest (S.C.C. Rule 5:16(b)) and of the prepared testimony and exhibits

  Protestant intends to present at the hearing, and serve two (2) copies of each on Virginia Power and all other Protestants.
- (6) On or before November 18, 1998, the Commission Staff shall investigate the reasonableness of Virginia Power's estimated costs and proposed fuel factor and file testimony with the Clerk, sending a copy to the Company and each Protestant.
- (7) On or before November 23, 1998, Virginia Power shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of all testimony it

expects to introduce in rebuttal to all direct prefiled testimony and exhibits. Additional rebuttal evidence may be presented without prefiling, provided it is in response to evidence which was not prefiled but elicited at the time of hearing and provided further the need for additional rebuttal evidence is timely addressed by motion during the hearing and leave to present said evidence is granted by the Commission. A copy of the prefiled rebuttal evidence shall be served upon all other Protestants.

- (8) Discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the S.C.C. Rules except that the Company and Protestant(s) shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) days of service. Protestants shall provide the Company, other Protestants, and Staff with any work papers or documents used in preparation of their filed testimony promptly upon request.
- (9) On or before October 30, 1998, Virginia Power shall cause a copy of the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified), on one occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout its service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE 1998-99 FUEL FACTOR PROCEEDING FOR VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

On October 19, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or the "Company") filed an application with the

State Corporation Commission for an increase in its fuel factor from 1.050¢ per kWh to 1.152¢ per kWh, effective December 1, 1998.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-249.6, the Commission has scheduled a public hearing to commence at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 1998, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of receiving evidence related to the establishment of Virginia Power's fuel factor.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD) at least seven days before the scheduled hearing date.

All testimony, exhibits, and other data filed by Virginia Power will be available for public inspection at all of the Company's offices in Virginia where bills may be paid, and at the Commission's Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, Virginia.

Any interested person (public witness) desiring to make a statement at the hearing should appear in the Commission's courtroom at 1:45 p.m. on the hearing date and identify himself or herself to the bailiff.

On or before November 10, 1998, persons desiring to participate as Protestants, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("S.C.C. Rules"), to present evidence and crossexamine witnesses, shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest, as described in S.C.C. Rule 5:16(a) with the Clerk of the Commission, and serve a copy upon Virginia Power. Service upon Virginia Power shall be directed to Karen L. Bell, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power

Company, One James River Plaza, P.O. Box 26666, Richmond, Virginia 23261.

On or before November 16, 1998, each Protestant shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Protest (S.C.C. Rule 5:16(b)) and an original and fifteen (15) copies of the prepared testimony and exhibits Protestant intends to present at the public hearing, and serve two (2) copies each upon Virginia Power and each Protestant. All written communications to the Commission regarding this proceeding shall identify Case No. PUE980727 and be directed to William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

## VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

(10) On or before October 30, 1998, Virginia Power shall serve a copy of this Order on the County Attorney and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of each county (or equivalent officials in counties having alternate forms of government) in which the Company offers service, and on the Mayor or Manager and the Attorney of every city and town (or an equivalent official in cities and towns having alternate forms of government) in which the Company offers service. Service shall be made by either personal delivery or by first-class mail to the customary place of business or the residence of the persons served.

(11) At or before the commencement of the hearing scheduled herein, Virginia Power shall provide proof of service and notice as required in this Order.